



Press Release

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On: APRIL EGG PRODUCTION
UP 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . April egg production in Texas totaled 411 million eggs, an increase of 2 percent from April 2003, and up slightly from March 2004, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during April averaged 18.7 million, down slightly from last year, and up slightly from March 2004. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,193 eggs, up 3 percent from last year and up slightly from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 54.4 million, up 4 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.34 billion eggs during April 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs, 1.01 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 58.0 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 342 million during April 2004, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers averaged 2,148 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,125 eggs in April 2003.

Laying flocks in the thirty major egg producing states produced 6.85 billion eggs during April. The number of layers during April 2004 averaged 319 million.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 37.5 million, down 1 percent from April 2003. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 774 million, was up 2 percent from April of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.4 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2004, down 5 percent from April 2003.